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First Ranger Banquet Outstanding Success

Texas citizens extended a hearty "thanks" to the Texas Rangers for 135 years of service and protection at a banquet in their honor at Ridglea Country Club, Fort Worth, October 10. An overflow crowd of 650 persons attended the testimonial dinner which climaxed state-wide Law Enforcement Appreciation Week October 5-11 honoring all peace officers. TLEF sponsored both events.

A native Texan who now is Deputy Director of the nation's Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, Gen. Charles P. Cabell, was principal speaker on the program, which also included a talk by mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner and entertainment by character actor Chill Wills, a native of Seagoville. TLEF Director Ben Wooten, Dallas, kept the crowded, celebrity-packed program moving at a brisk pace as Master of Ceremonies.

The evening was climaxed when TLEF President J. E. Connally, Abilene,

awarded a large engraved wall plaque on behalf of the citizens of Texas to the Texas Rangers for display in their state headquarters at the Department of Public Safety in Austin. Col. Homer Garrison, DPS Director, accepted on behalf of the Rangers and offered the response.

Companion plaques were presented by TLEF Vice President E. B. Germany, Dallas, to each of the six Ranger Captains for their Company headquarters. Framed engraved certificates also were given to each Texas Ranger for his individual contribution in keeping alive the famed reputation of the Rangers as an outstanding law enforcement team.

Tribute also was paid to the Special Rangers as part of the honored group and to other local and state law enforcement groups. Master of Ceremonies Wooten described the part played by each in the overall law enforcement picture and introduced representatives of each. Introduced were Colonel Garrison,

Director of the State Department of Public Safety; Tom Wadsworth, Fort Worth District Director of the State Liquor Control Board; Linwood Shivers, Law Enforcement Division of the State Attorney General's Office; Dan Walton, President of the Texas County and District Attorneys Association; Rufe Jordan, President of the Sheriff's Association of Texas; W. E. (Bill) Richburg, President of the Justices of Peace and Constables Association; and C. C. Daniel, President of the Texas Police Association.

Early arrivals at the dinner were treated to a fascinating Texas Ranger exhibit in the Ridglea Lounge, and the TLEF Crimemobile was on display at the entrance. Ranger Captain Jay Banks administered production of the Rangers display, which featured old and modern equipment used by the Rangers.

Each guest received a large specially
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Master of Ceremonies BEN WOOTEN presents appreciation plaque to principal speaker GENERAL CHARLES P. CABELL.



TLEF President J. E. CONNALLY presents plaque for TEXAS RANGERS to COL. HOMER GARRISON, JR. Plaque will hang in Ranger Headquarters at Austin.



TLEF Vice President E. B. GERMANY presents plaques and individual certificates for all Rangers to Ranger Captains (left to right) JAY BANKS, A. Y. ALLEE, FRANK PROBST, J. J. KLEVENHAGEN, RAYMOND WATERS, CLINTON PEOPLES.

Overflow Crowd Sees Action-Packed Banquet



ERLE STANLEY GARDNER spoke briefly to banquet guests.



CHILL WILLS, holding Honorary Ranger Commission, displays his private collection of badges.



Special section of banquet room was reserved for Texas Rangers.



Center area of banquet room at Ridglea Country Club. Seated at the head table, left to right C. T. McLAUGHLIN, MRS. McLAUGHLIN, SECRETARY OF STATE ZOLLIE STEAKLEY, GENERAL CHARLES P. CABELL, MRS. BEN WOOTEN, BEN WOOTEN, J. E. CONNALLY, MRS. CONNALLY, CHILL WILLS, ERLE STANLEY GARDNER, MRS. HOMER GARRISON, COL. HOMER GARRISON.

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designed medallion of heavy bronze in commemoration of the historical dinner and as a memo of appreciation for support of the TLEF fund-raising campaign. Proceeds of the \$50-a-plate dinner and additional contributions will help finance the work of TLEF during the coming year.

Huge replicas of badges representing state and local enforcement agencies were hung behind the head table as featured decorations.

Among out-of-state celebrities in attendance were Brig. Gen. W. L. Fagg, Provost Marshal of the United States Air Force; Col. Stanley Grogan, Central Intelligence Agency; Loyd Benefield, representing Governor Gary; and the State of Oklahoma; and Sam Hicks and Jean Bethell, California associates of Erle Stanley Gardner.

General Cabell in his principal address outlined many of the subtle, elusive methods used by the Communists in their attempts to win world control. As an example of deceit in their propaganda, he cited a forged letter publicized by the Communists. They reported it had been written by Nelson Rockefeller to President Eisenhower, outlining a plan to enable the United States to dominate the world through economic control.

General Cabell, brother of TLEF Director Earle Cabell, told of methods used by the Communists to win countries through economic persuasion or duress. He also warned that our close neighbors to the south, Mexico and South American countries, are prime targets for Communist operations.

A special TLEF plaque was presented to General Cabell in recognition of his contributions to the "security of our

nation and homes" as second in command of the nation's top intelligence agency.

Gardner, who has served as Special Advisor to TLEF since its beginning, told guests "You can't buy good law enforcement in the bargain basement." "We can't pay lawmen what they are worth," he said. "But we can pay them in terms of human understanding, of human dignity. We can make them the respected members of the community they deserve to be."

The "Sage of Seagoville," Wills, got a laugh when he displayed a huge collection of badges inside his coat. While praising the Texas Rangers, he quipped "You can't beat a Texan . . . unless you play football for Notre Dame."

Wooten, in paying tribute to the Rangers, said "The very words 'Texas Rangers' fill every Texan's heart with pride." Yet, he noted, this is the first time Texans "have paused to tell them of our gratitude."

As evidence of the respect felt by Texans for the Rangers, Wooten observed "I never thought I'd see an overflow crowd at a \$50-a-plate dinner."

Forty-three of the current 51-man Texas Rangers force were on hand for the dinner, perhaps the largest group ever assembled at one place and time.

Honorary Texas Ranger Captain commissions were bestowed on General Cabell and Wills by Colonel Garrison.

Tribute was paid to R. D. Thorp, who by coincidence was celebrating his 30th anniversary as Chief of Police at Austin the same day as the banquet.

The banquet program closed with the audience singing "Eyes of Texas" as a salute to the Rangers.